

National Service: A Public-Private Partnership



The Corporation for National and Community Service is a vital supply line to America's armies of compassion – providing grants, volunteers, training and other resources to help meet pressing needs in education, the environment, public safety, housing and other areas.

Supporting America's Volunteer Sector

From 2000 to 2003, the Corporation awarded more than \$2 billion in Federal grants to tens of thousands of nonprofit groups, faith-based organizations, schools, and local government agencies to engage millions of Americans in service to their communities through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and Learn and Serve America.

Leveraging Private Support

From 2000 to 2003, the Corporation's grantees collectively raised nearly \$1.5 billion in non-Corporation matching funds. That equates to \$375 million a year, or about 40 percent of the agency's appropriated funds – an extraordinary testament to the value of national service.

Providing Education Opportunity

In return for completing a term of service, AmeriCorps members earn an education award to pay for college. Since 1994, AmeriCorps members have earned more than \$1 billion in AmeriCorps Education Awards.

AMERICORPS

Each year, AmeriCorps provides funds to support opportunities for more than 70,000 Americans to give intensive service to community groups working in education, the environment, public safety, and other human needs. From 2000-2003, AmeriCorps awarded a total of \$1.03 billion in grants, and grantees matched \$703 million.

AmeriCorps*State and National

- How It Works: More than three-quarters of all grant dollars are awarded to local groups through Governor-appointed state service commissions; the remaining quarter is awarded directly to national groups. Each grantee must match a set percentage of costs for operations and member support.

- Corporation Funds Awarded From 2000-2003: \$896 million
- Grantee Match: \$677 million

AmeriCorps*VISTA

- How It Works: More than 1,200 non-profit and faith-based groups engage 6,500 members each year in helping to meet the needs of people living in low-income communities nationwide.
- Corporation Funds Awarded From 2000-2003: \$138 million
- Grantee Match: \$26 million

AmeriCorps*NCCC

AmeriCorps*NCCC is a team-based, residential program designed specifically for young adults between the ages of 18 and 24.

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SENIOR CORPS

Senior Corps taps the skills, talents, and experience of more than 500,000 Americans age 55 and older to meet a wide range of community challenges. From 2000-2003, the three Senior Corps programs awarded a total of \$778 million, and grantees matched \$463 million.

RSVP

- How It Works: The Corporation makes grants to support about 455,000 volunteers who serve in more than 70,000 local organizations. RSVP volunteers help local police departments conduct safety patrols, participate in environmental projects, provide intensive educational services to children and adults, and respond to natural disasters, among many other activities.
- Corporation Funds Awarded From 2000-2003: \$201 million
- Grantee Match: \$197 million

Foster Grandparent Program

- How It Works: The Corporation makes grants to local agencies who support about 32,500 volunteers to mentor and tutor some 236,000 youth with special needs.
- Corporation Funds Awarded From 2000-2003: \$410 million
- Grantee Match: \$158 million

Senior Companion Program

- How It Works: The Corporation makes grants to support 16,000 Senior Companions to help 57,000 frail, home-bound, usually elderly clients remain independent in their own homes.
- Corporation Funds Awarded From 2000-2003: \$167 million
- Grantee Match: \$107 million

LEARN AND SERVE AMERICA

Learn and Serve America awards grants to state education agencies, schools, nonprofit groups, and institutions of higher education to engage more than a million students each year in service activities linked to academic achievement. This type of learning, called service-learning, increases academic achievement while giving young people an “on ramp” to a lifelong active citizenship.

- Corporation Funds Awarded From 2000-2003: \$179 million
- Total Grantee Match: \$189 million

MORE INFORMATION

For general information about the Corporation for National and Community Service and its programs, visit www.nationalservice.gov or call 202-606-5000.

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All data current as of June-July 2004. All match figures represent budgeted amounts, with the exception of cost-share data from VISTA.